

House Bill 1512

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to offenses against public order, so as to provide for the crime of unlawful conduct  
3 during 911 telephone calls; to provide for criminal penalties; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 offenses against public order, is amended by inserting a new Code section, to be designated  
9 Code Section 16-11-39.2, to read as follows:

10 "16-11-39.2.

11 (a) A person commits the offense of unlawful conduct during a 911 telephone call if he or  
12 she:

13 (1) Without provocation, uses obscene and vulgar or profane language with the intent to  
14 intimidate or harass a 911 communication operator;

15 (2) Calls 911, whether or not conversation ensues, for the purpose of annoying,  
16 harassing, or molesting a 911 communication operator, or for the purpose of disrupting  
17 emergency telephone service;

18 (3) Calls 911 and intentionally fails to hang up or disengage the connection for the  
19 purpose of interfering with or disrupting emergency service; or

20 (4) Calls 911 for the purpose of making a false report of a crime.

21 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a  
22 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
23 \$500.00 or 12 months in jail, or both."

24 **SECTION 2.**

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- 1 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.